

\$ 4,768,983	\$ 4,874,602	\$ 4,893,857	\$ 4,893,857	\$ 4,818,974
1,275,495	1,264,451	1,264,451	1,263,714	1,674,802
2,258,335	2,200,432	2,222,342	2,158,844	2,258,256
4,254,220	3,269,240	3,351,078	3,231,871	4,870,191
2,483,320	2,554,791	2,556,040	2,505,799	2,617,969
4,798,519	4,666,207	4,666,207	4,666,207	4,779,552



# Unfunded Liabilities

February 12, 2013

5,161,749	5,299,024	5,299,029	5,298,826	1,379,915
417,259	487,259	487,259	306,371	445,132
12,838,011	12,259,268	12,262,283	12,262,247	12,399,419
25,504,047	24,503,798	24,656,361	24,648,361	28,708,896
188,466,148	185,814,282	189,595,222	189,590,422	185,779,379
30,821,996	28,734,193	29,186,923	29,133,432	28,042,778



## Defining The Issue

- Unfunded liabilities are costs for services already received, but not paid for by the City
- Pushes costs for current services into the future - can adversely impact future services and/or taxes
- Credit rating agencies have expressed concern - may impact credit ratings
- Workers' compensation, sick leave, retiree health insurance subsidy, and pensions



## Long Beach Has Been Active in Addressing

- The City and its employee groups have been leaders in addressing pension issues
- Most governments have not been as proactive - many have unfunded liabilities with much larger problems than Long Beach
- But Long Beach still has significant issues with unfunded liabilities



## “No Change” vs. “30-Year Pay-Down”

- Compares current funding practices (no change) with one that pays off unfunded liabilities in 30 years
- Compares annual costs now and annual costs and savings 30 years from now
- Any projection that goes out 30 years is problematic, but the differences between the options are likely to be meaningful



# General Causes of Unfunded Liabilities

- Lower than projected investment earnings
- Benefit enhancements, often retroactive
- Underfunding



## Options To Solve

*All options are painful, either impacting City taxes, costs and services or employee benefits with potential recruitment and retention issues*

- No change to current practices
- Pay down the unfunded liabilities
- Reduce the benefits (if possible)
- Some combination of increased payments and reduced benefits



# Workers' Compensation Liability

- Funds set aside for future costs of current claims are not adequate to pay those costs
- Causes
  - Benefit improvements and relaxed eligibility, including retroactively, by the State legislature
  - In the early 2000s, reducing funding for Workers' Compensation to solve budget shortfalls in the General Fund
  - Inadequate funding
  - Cost of budgeting higher payments



# Workers' Compensation Liability Pay-Off

## Liability and Annual Cost Change with 30-Year Pay-Off

			Annual Cost (\$ m)			
	Liability (\$ m)		All Funds		General Fund	
	Now	30 Yrs	Now	30 Yrs	Now	30 Yrs
No Funding Change	101	168	26	47	17	30
Pay-off Liability in 30 years	97	5	29	43	19	28
Difference - Cost (Savings)		(163)	3	(4)	2	(3)

*General Fund cost averages about \$2 m per year for 30 years*





# Reducing Workers' Compensation Costs

*Workers' Compensation costs have steadily grown as the State has increased benefits and has relaxed eligibility for claims*

- Work to get State law changed to be less generous
- Review Long Beach experience and the associated cost factors and, as appropriate, aggressively address those factors
- A combination of above



# Sick Leave Liability

- Unfunded cost of accumulated sick leave paid to retirees
- Causes
  - Lack of recognition (in past) of high cost
  - Historical underfunding
  - Cost of budgeting higher payments



# Sick Leave Liability Pay-Off

## Liability and Annual Cost Change with 30-Year Pay-Off

	Liability (\$ m)		Annual Cost (\$ m)			
	Now	30 Yrs	All Funds		General Fund	
			Now	30 Yrs	Now	30 Yrs
No Funding Change	124	225	8	33	4	18
Pay-off Liability in 30 years	100	0	10	9	5	5
Difference - Cost (Savings)		(225)	2	(24)	1	(13)

*Savings start with pay-off option after 13 years*



# Reducing Sick Leave Costs

*Sick leave payout at retirement is intended to discourage abuse of sick leave and to reduce impact of health insurance costs on early retirees*

- Convert sick leave to dollars using earned salary rather than retirement salary
- Limit sick leave accumulation
- Convert less than 100% of sick leave
- Other benefit reductions
- A combination of above



# Retiree Health Subsidy Liability

- Retirees pay the group rate for health insurance, but retiree health care costs substantially more than the group rate
- Cause
  - Probably not originally intended as a subsidy
  - Subsidy amount not known for years
  - Budgeting only about one-half the true annual cost
  - Cost of budgeting higher payments



# Retiree Health Subsidy Liability Pay-Off

## Liability and Annual Cost Change with 30-Year Pay-Off

			Annual Cost (\$ m)			
	Liability (\$ m)		All Funds		General Fund	
	Now	30 Yrs	Now	30 Yrs	Now	30 Yrs
No Funding Change	239	680	7	71	4	39
Pay-off Liability in 30 years	185	0	21	26	11	14
Difference - Cost (Savings)		(680)	14	(45)	8	(24)

*Savings start with pay-off option after 18 years*



# Reducing Retiree Health Subsidy Costs

*Allowing purchase of group health insurance by retirees was likely originally not intended to be a City cost or to be a subsidy*

- Eliminate or reduce the subsidy (but could still allow purchase of City health insurance)
- Limit the time period of the subsidy
- A combination of above



# Pension Liability

- Unfunded cost of pensions already earned by employees
- Causes
  - Optimistic assumptions, primarily high investment returns
  - Benefit increases, particularly retroactive ones
  - Skipped employee and employer contributions as allowed by CalPERS (when “superfunded”)
  - Difficulty in reducing benefits
  - Cost of budgeting higher payments





# Pension Liability Pay-Off

## Liability and Annual Cost Change with 30-Year Pay-Off

			Annual Cost (\$ m)			
	Liability (\$ m)		All Funds		General Fund	
	Now	30 Yrs	Now	30 Yrs	Now	30 Yrs
No Funding Change	700	3,400	70	226	37	119
Pay-off Liability in 30 years	900	0	103	92	54	48
Difference - Cost (Savings)		(3,400)	33	(134)	17	(71)

*General Fund cost averages about \$25 m per year for 30 years*



## Reducing Pension Costs

*City share of pension costs envisioned at 8% or 9% of payroll (or lower), could grow to 25% to 40% of payroll*

- Reduce benefits for new employees (no impact for years)
- Reduce (unearned) future benefits for current employees (if possible)
- Higher employee contributions
- A combination of above



# Summary of Cost Savings with 30 Year Funding

## General Fund Cost (Savings) From 30-Year Funding of Liabilities

General Fund \$ in millions			
	1st Yr Cost	Savings After 30th Yr	Savings After 30th Yr in Today's Dollars
Workers' Compensation	2	(3)	(1)
Sick Leave*	1	(13)	(6)
Retiree Health Subsidy**	8	(24)	(11)
Pension	17	(71)	(31)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>(111)</b>	<b>(49)</b>

\* Savings begin after 13 years

\*\* Savings begin after 18 years



# Summary of Cost Savings with 30 Year Funding

## All Funds Cost (Savings) From 30-Year Funding of Liabilities

All Funds \$ in millions			
	1st Yr Cost	Savings After 30st Yr	Savings After 30th Yr in Today's Dollars
Workers' Compensation	3	(4)	(2)
Sick Leave*	2	(24)	(11)
Retiree Health Subsidy**	14	(45)	(20)
Pension	33	(134)	(59)
<b>TOTAL</b>	52	(207)	(92)

\* Savings begin after 13 years

\*\* Savings begin after 18 years



# Suggested Options

- **Workers' Compensation:** increase funding, focus on controlling and managing cost factors, work to influence State legislature to manage benefit levels, a combination
- **Sick leave:** Increase funding, reduce the benefit, a combination
- **Retiree Health Subsidy:** Increase funding, reduce or eliminate the subsidy, a combination
- **Pension:** Self-impose a higher contribution rate, benefit reductions (if possible), a combination



## Other Long-Term “Liabilities”

*The following additional unfunded liabilities are beyond the scope of this report*

- Deferred maintenance on buildings, roads, bridges and other infrastructure
- Deferred replacements and upgrades of systems hardware and software
- Deferred funding for vehicle replacement
- Self-insured liability costs
- Deferred investment in employee training and skill development



## Next Steps

- Staff will continue to review unfunded liabilities for ways to address
- Staff will report back on infrastructure unfunded liabilities
- A March 5, 2013 presentation on the need for new financial/HR systems
- Staff will continue to look at options to include additional funding in the budget



# Unfunded Liabilities

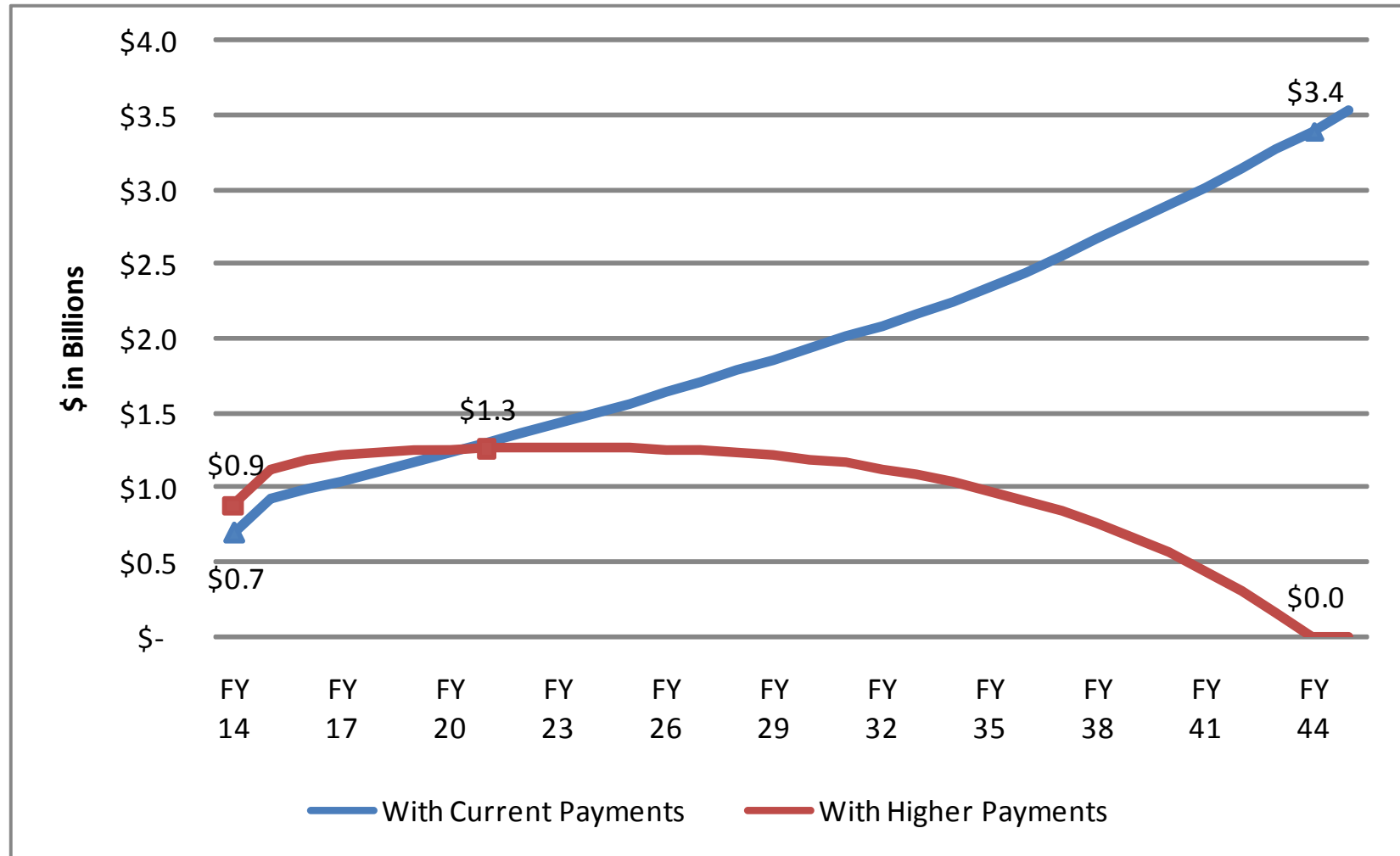




# Pension Liability

## Projected CalPERS Liability

Standard payments vs. higher payments that eliminate liability in 30 years

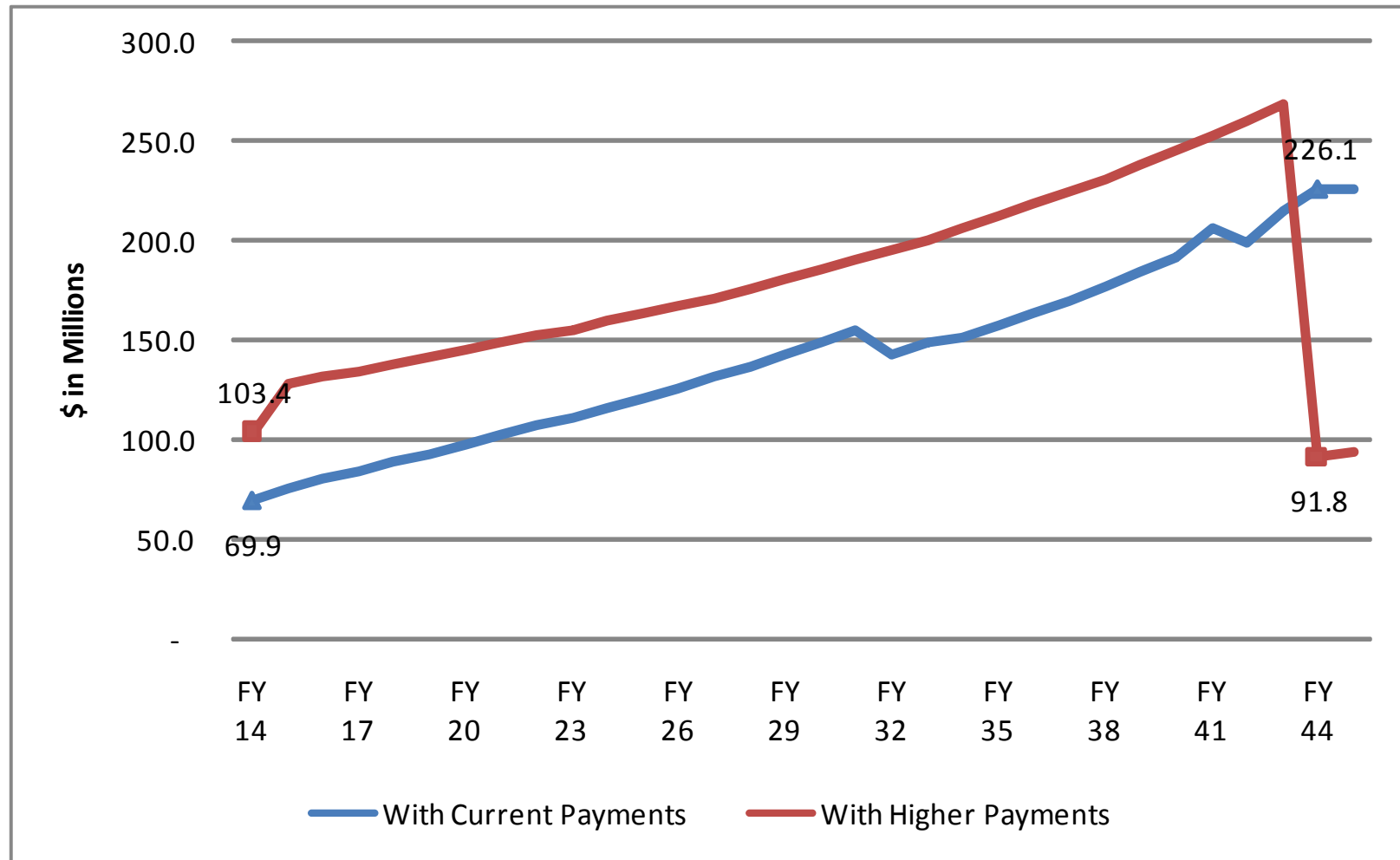




# Pension Annual Payments

## Projected CalPERS Payments

Standard payments vs. higher payments that eliminate liability in 30 years

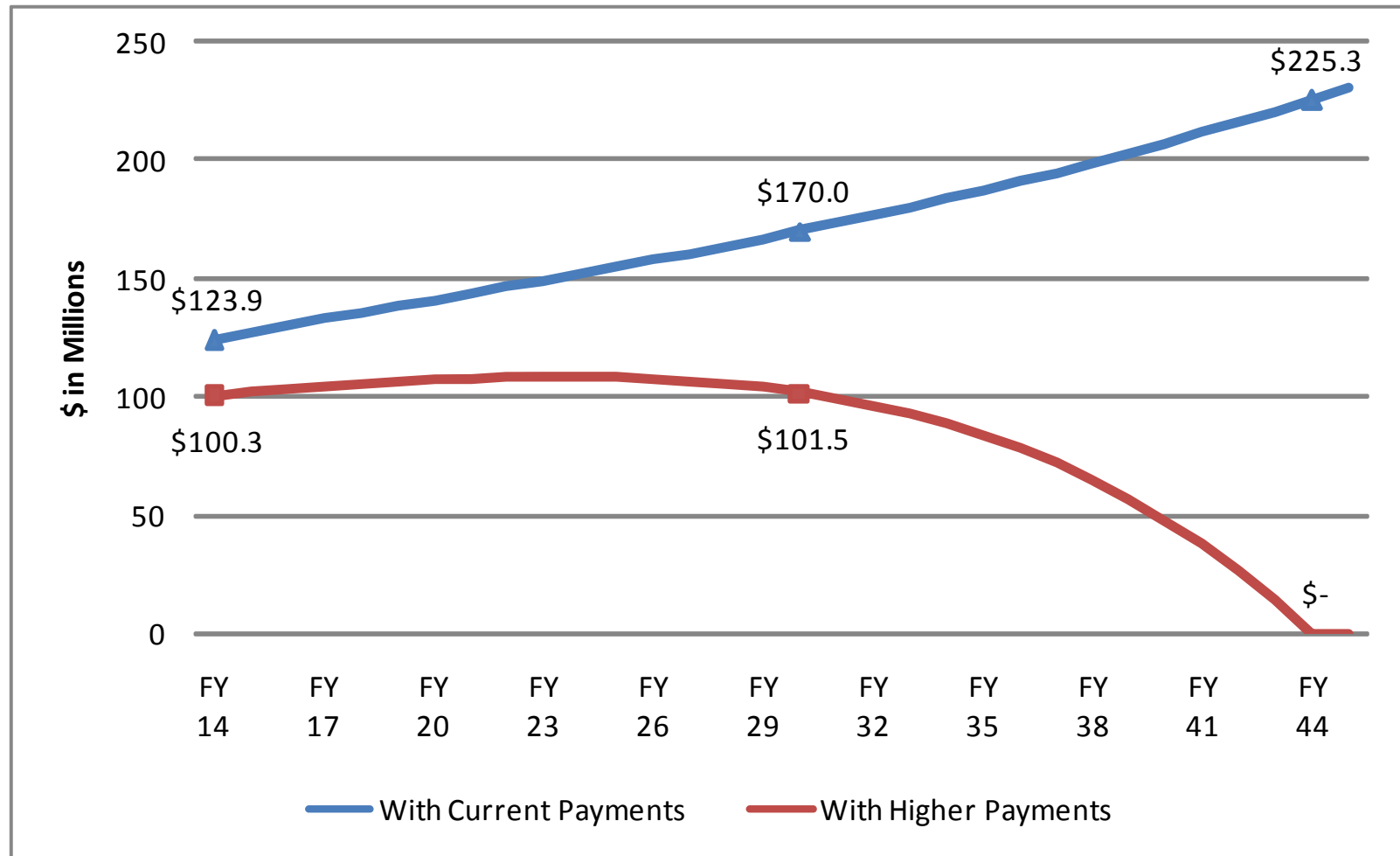




# Sick Leave Liability

## Projected Sick Leave Liability

Standard payments vs. higher payments that eliminate liability in 30 years

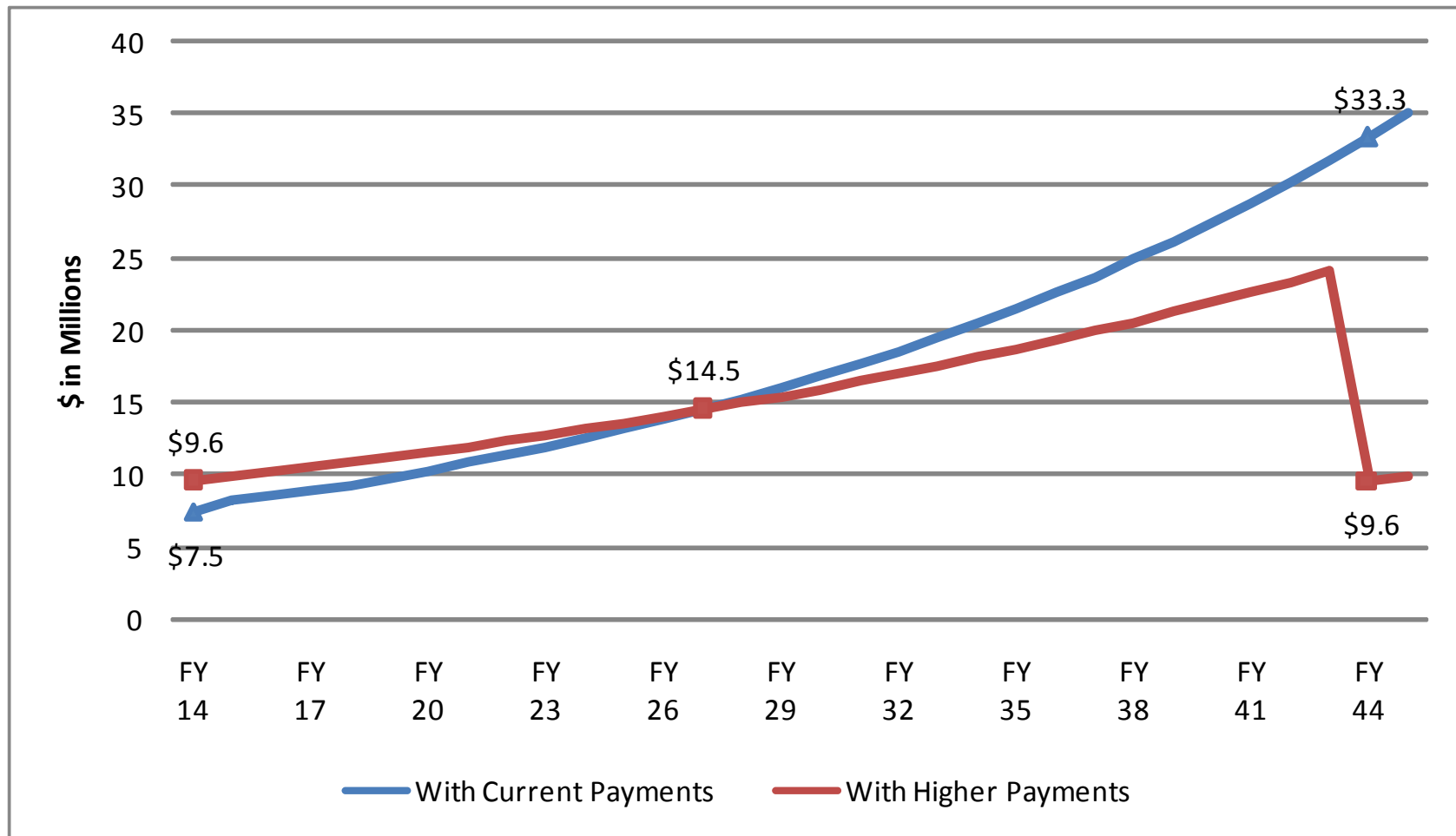




# Sick Leave Annual Payments

## Projected Sick Leave Payments

Standard payments vs. higher payments that eliminate liability in 30 years

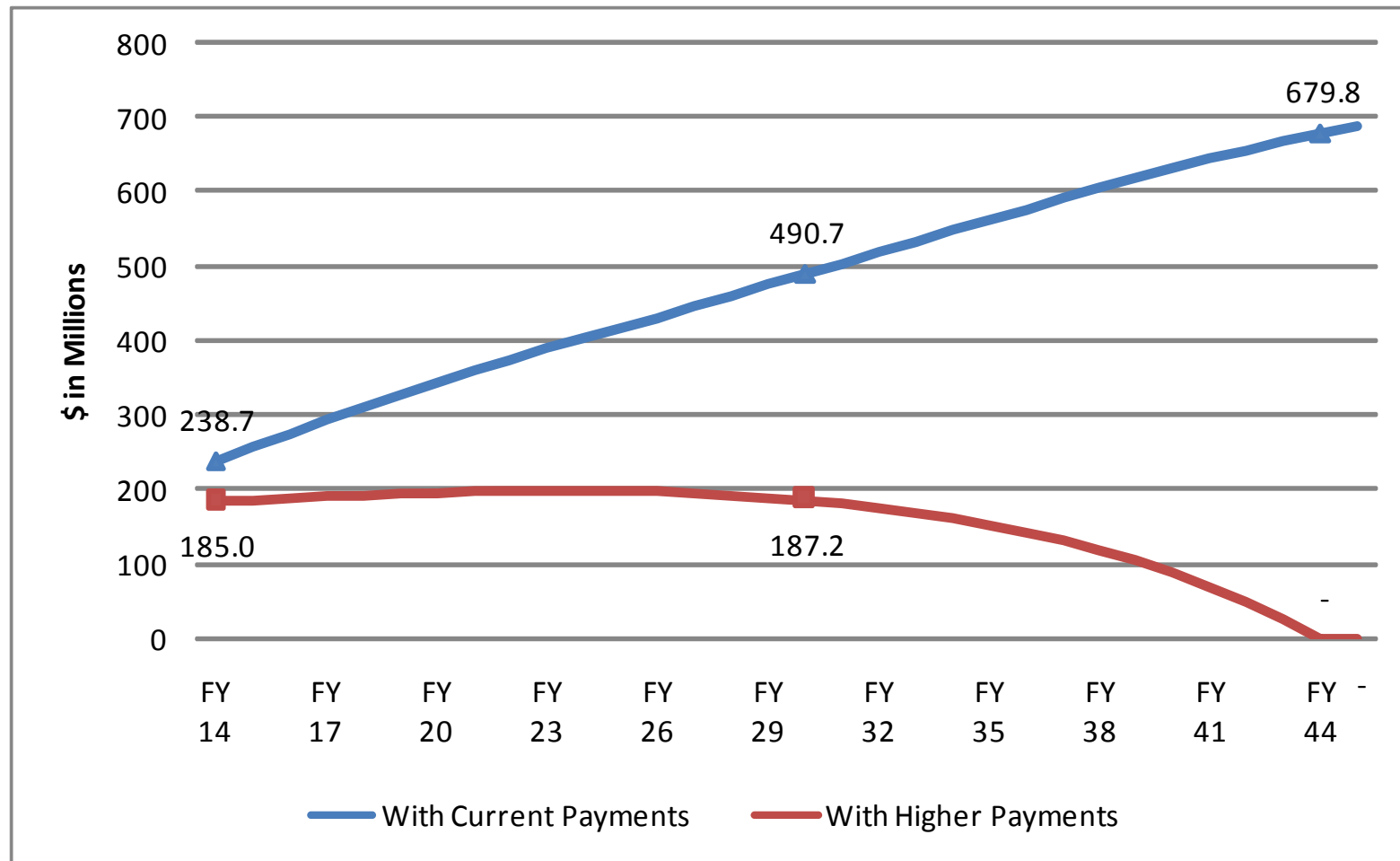




# Retiree Health Subsidy Liability

## Projected Retiree Health Subsidy Liability

Standard payments vs. higher payments that eliminate liability in 30 years

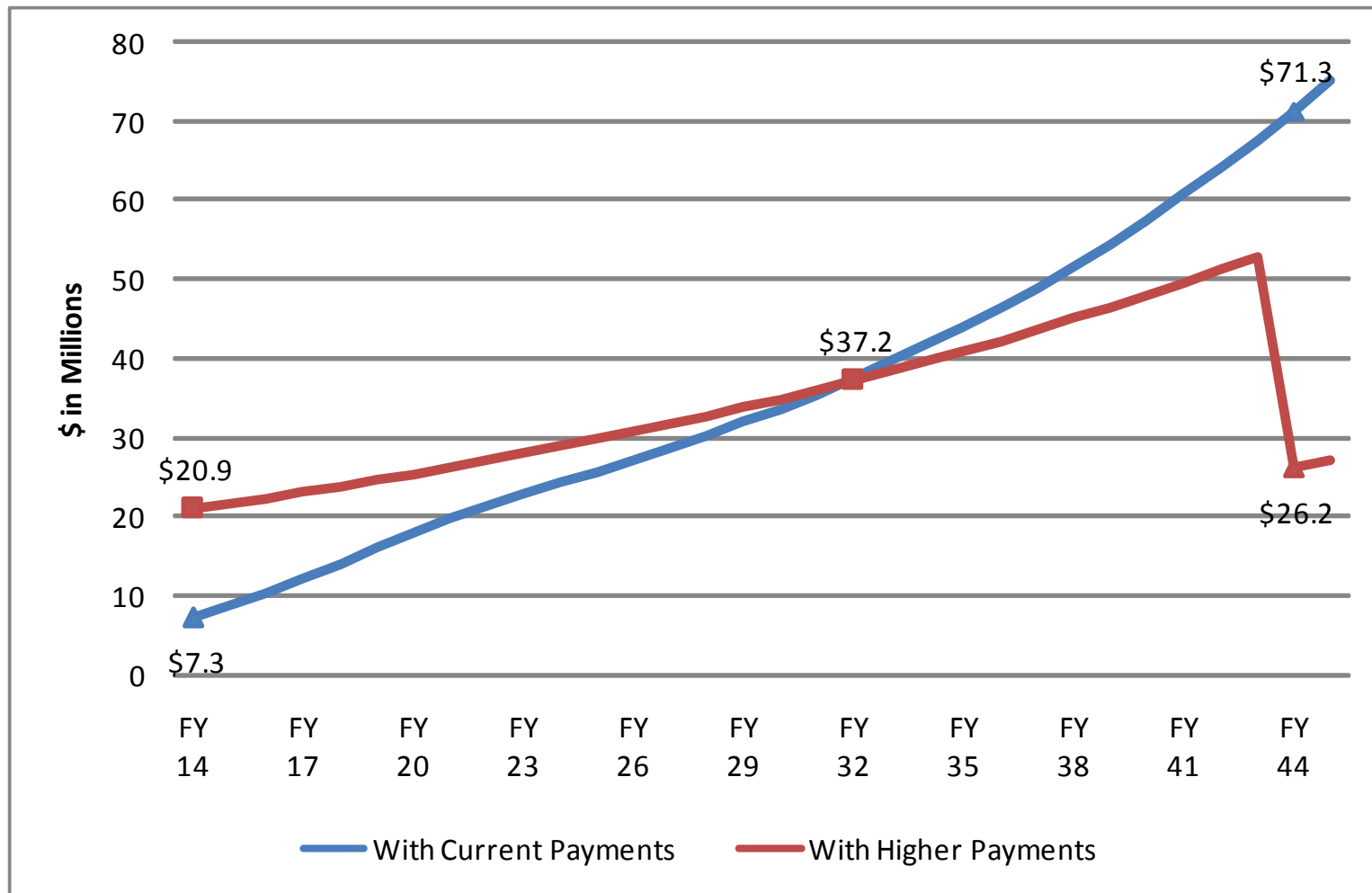




# Retiree Health Subsidy Annual Payments

## Projected Retiree Health Subsidy Payments

Standard payments vs. higher payments that eliminate liability in 30 years

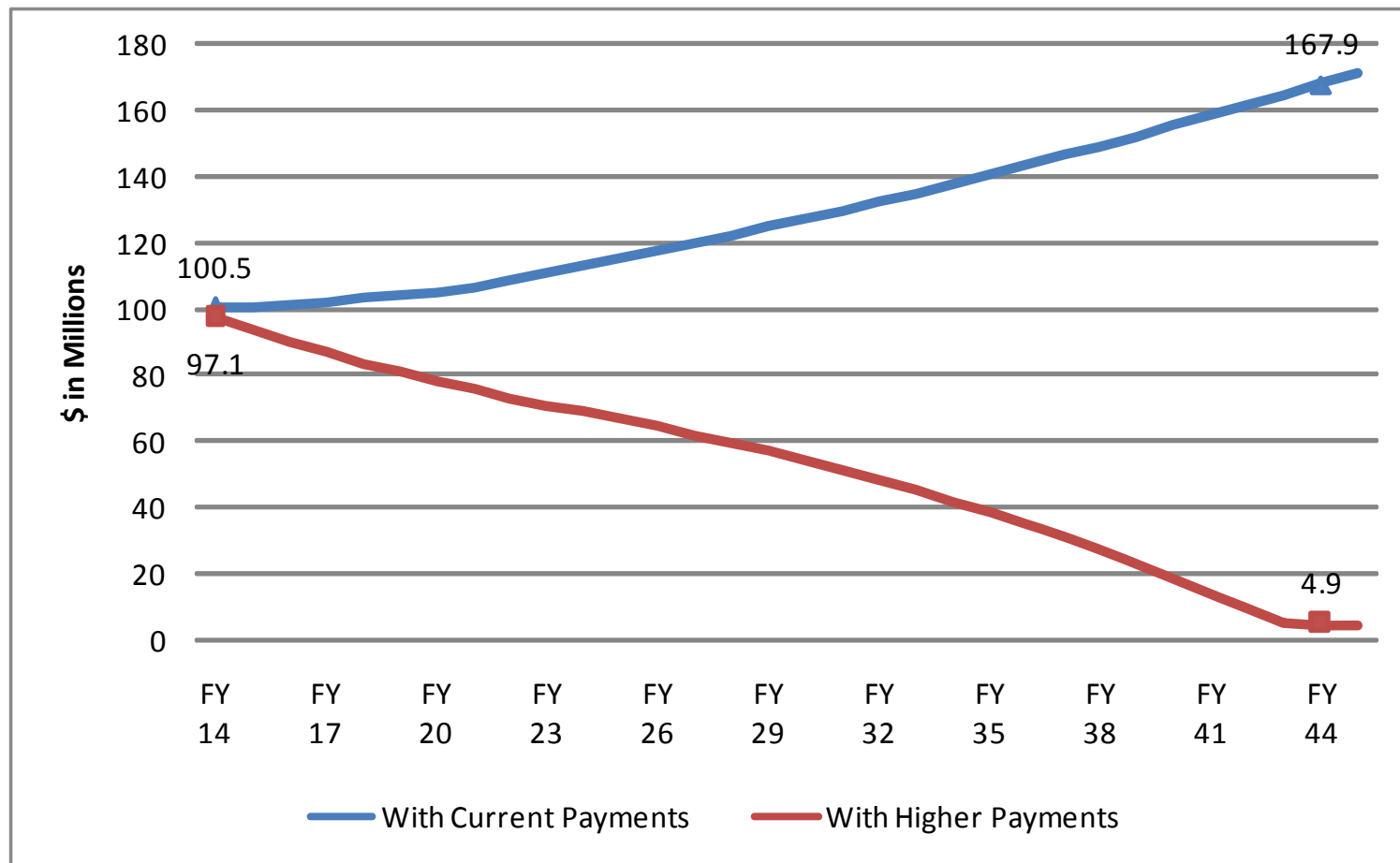




# Workers' Compensation Leave Liability

## Projected Workers' Compensation Liability

Standard payments vs. higher payments that eliminate liability in 30 years





# Workers' Compensation Annual Payments

## Projected Workers' Compensation Payments

Standard payments vs. higher payments that eliminate liability in 30 years

